

## WILL POLL THE VOTERS

### The Fourth District Republicans Active.

(From Wednesday's daily.)

If systematic work will accomplish results the Republicans of the Fourth District will deserve success, for the executive committee of the District committee has decided that active operations shall begin at once. The meeting of the committee last evening at headquarters was attended by every member but one, and that man is out of the city.

The only real work done by the committee was a decision that the polling of the voters of the district must be made at once. The first point to be met in the estimation of the committee is the registration period, and the list of voters which it is desired to secure at this time will be used in the checking of registry lists, when the books are opened for the making of a new record of eligible voters. The registration will be watched very closely this year and the committee's first step will be the securing of this poll by a canvass of the voting population.

For the purpose of making the work as complete as possible upon motion it was decided to ask the executive committees of the various precinct clubs to work with the District committee in this preliminary. It is the intention to secure immediate action by the clubs so that there may be no time lost in finding out just how the voters of the eastern end of the island stand. Missionary work among the electors who are not Republicans will follow the listing of all, but this will be the subject of future conferences, as it is the intention of the committee to devote its energies to one subject at a time.

The canvass will be made complete and the lists once in hand will be preserved for the personal work of the clubs later in the campaign. There was a deal of enthusiasm developed at the meeting and the members expressed the opinion that the work of the campaign would be pushed along rapidly as soon as the candidates were named.

**FIFTH DISTRICT REPUBLICANS.** After many caucuses the first regular meeting of Republicans for the consideration of matters which may be brought before the Territorial convention, in the way of recommendations as to platform, will be that of the Fifth District committee, which is to be held Monday evening next at headquarters.

It is probable that there will be several other matters than platform planks come before the meeting. For some days, and after frequent conferences, it has been the suggestion of some of the members of the committee that there be called such a meeting for the purpose of ascertaining the feeling of the members as to the proper course to follow in the matter of the senatorships.

There are now four men mentioned for the nominations. It is hoped that there will be two nominations given to the fifth, but if there is to be only one the members of the committee think they should come together and decide upon some course in common. It is the plan to decide as to the candidate and then stick by him through the meeting of the nominating convention. With Achil, Lane, McCandless and Huddy in the field the committeemen realize that they must be a unit if they expect to be able to get any share of the nominations.

It is understood that the friends of Lane and Huddy are making the move for a settlement of the question in this way, and that they have secured proxies from out of town members that give them hopes of being able to absolutely snow under Achil.

Of the several fights in the district that of Lane has met with the greatest change recently. It may be said to have received a black eye, owing principally to the fact that it has become the gossip of the members of the Fourth District committee that Lane is guided entirely by the advice of McCandless Stewart, and having become rid of that element in the party, there is no liking for any chance that it may get back.

This expression was given recently during a caucus, and it is understood that it will require all the tact of Norman Gedge of the Fourth Precinct, to hold his fellow delegates into line for the ticket which is now most in favor there, Achil and Lane for the Senate. This has been characterized the accident insurance ticket, as the men who favor it say in this way only may knives be kept in their sheaths.

#### DEMOCRATS AND FUSION.

As a result of the recent enrollments of Democrats and the activity of the minority party, there is an increase in the discussion as to the possibility of fusion with the Republicans on members of the legislature. There are several leaders of the Republicans who have been approached in the matter, but owing to the inability of the men of the party to get a line upon the prospects which they consider faithful, nothing has come of the overtures.

Democratic leaders insist that they will be able to secure not less than 500 names upon the register of the central club, in this city, and it is the opinion held by some Republicans that it would be wisdom to move to secure this contingent, and to give representation upon the ticket to the club. There have been mentioned few names as yet, although J. O. Carter and E. B. McClanahan have supporters for the upper house.

There was much comment yesterday upon the fact that the Monday meet-

## MANILA WILL BOOM

### So Says Ziegenfuss Who Returned on Gaelic.

Mr. C. O. Ziegenfuss, formerly of Honolulu, but now one of the owners of a Manila newspaper, arrived in Honolulu yesterday on his way to the Coast in the Gaelic. He has been ill for four months and was ordered to leave cholera infected Manila by his doctor. He expects to return to Manila shortly. Mr. Ziegenfuss has a lot to say of the Philippines.

"What we need in the Philippines today," he says, "is for America to say that she will hold the islands and make American territory of them, that she will give us land and mining laws, will build railways and canals, and give us all the American laws that would fit local conditions. If that were done the Philippines would soon become the most prosperous of America's possessions."

"We want free trade with America," continued Mr. Ziegenfuss. "The war has now completely subsided and there are only some fourteen or fifteen thousand American troops remaining in the islands. There is no reason why the country should not make enormous strides in a commercial way if America would adopt some settled policy regarding their future. We have great resources to develop. Hemp and tobacco will be our main interest and the coal and timber trade of the islands is likely to be extensive. There is a great deal of valuable wood there. I have seen specimens of over eighty kinds of fine hardwood. Our rubber interests are large and the copra trade will always be a large one."

"Manila is now lively in a trade way but her business interests have been reduced some twenty-five per cent by America's inaction and the cholera. The latter was raging when I left and the natives and Orientals seem indifferent to all sanitary measures to check its ravages. Because of the cholera a five days quarantine has now been placed on all vessels engaged in the inter-island trade and this has of course given business a severe set back."

"Manila now contains some three hundred thousand people. Of this number there are probably some ten thousand Americans, not including those in the army. Among the leading business firms of Manila there are twelve large American establishments, six big English firms, a number of German, three large Swiss concerns, and a large number of French, Russian, and Spanish business houses, with the Spaniards largely controlling the tobacco trade. There are several American banking concerns but more are needed. We need more American business men there and they would come along quickly if the United States Congress would define clearly the position that the country will be placed in."

"America cannot afford to lose the islands. I consider that their acquisition has already been of enormous advantage to America. Our prestige with foreign nations has been increased and their possession places us in a position to fairly control the larger part of the destinies of the Orient."

Mr. Ziegenfuss says that his paper is booming. He will make arrangements while in America for a new press and other needed improvements in his office. He expects to spend a couple of weeks in Honolulu on his return from the Coast.

## NEW ZEALAND'S MAIL CONTRACT

### Statement That Colony's Parliament is Opposed to the Spreckels' Line.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug. 6.—The San Francisco mail service was the subject of an important discussion in the House of Representatives today. Sir Joseph Ward, Premier of the colony, stated the government's position in the matter. He said that the service to San Francisco through the Oceanic line should be continued, and that the colony should also join in the service to Canada via Suva. He thought that Auckland should remain as the terminal port for both lines. He would like to see the colony have a Federal service and would be prepared to submit definite proposals regarding the mail service at the next session of Parliament. The present mail contract with the Oceanic Company was for only 18 months from the last meeting of Parliament, and at the expiration of that time temporary arrangements would be made until Parliament had time to thrash out the whole matter.

Mr. Hornsby, M. P., stated that he believed the majority of Parliament was against the continuance of the mail contract with the Spreckels line. \*\*\*\*\* ing of Democrats passed a resolution setting forth that the Spokesman is not and never has been the organ of the party. Editor Timmons said last evening that the paper never had made such claims but had on the contrary always been conducted as a private enterprise by himself. He said he was doing just what he considered best for pure democracy and he would continue to do so, all through the campaign. The difference he said was upon the "best man" policy and he thought when the party got down to close organization the wisdom of his argument would be recognized.

## EXHIBIT THE OLD AND NEW

### Prof. Scott's Plan For Display at St. Louis.

(From Wednesday's daily.)

Historical Hawaii, intertwined with the development and evolution of education in the islands, is the basis of the plan upon which Prof. M. M. Scott, principal of the High School would prepare an educational exhibit to go forward from Hawaii to the St. Louis Exposition. At the annual meeting yesterday afternoon of the Territorial Teachers' Association of Hawaii which was held in the Normal School, Prof. Scott made some valuable suggestions regarding the exhibit, which, if followed would tend to increase the interest of the mainlanders who view it.

Prof. Scott believes that the greatest benefit to the islands would result from an historical exhibit, and it would appeal to the serious-minded ones who attend the fair more than any other feature. The idea of sending photographs of school interiors and maps was good enough, but these did not show progress. His idea of education was the internal, moral and intellectual development of a people, and as the internal arrangement could not be photographed the next best thing is to exhibit those things which pupils fashion. In order to show the progress of the school system, he thought it wise to exhibit the archeology of Hawaii, and the primitive implements with which the Hawaiians worked and cultivated the soil. The remains of such implements would show the early agricultural tendencies; canoes, the Hawaiians' knowledge of navigation; pieces would indicate their thought and show the manner in which the poetry, history and genealogy of the ancients was preserved.

The exhibit should be in the form of a passing show illustrating from the earliest times to the present how education has been carried on here. Another feature of the exhibit would be illustrations depicting the natural surroundings of Honolulu and other places in the islands. Pictures made by pupils of water buffaloes in the rice fields, taro patches, accompanied by descriptions written by the pupils would not fail to interest outsiders. The Bishop Museum might co-operate with the schools and send on many of the ancient implements which show Hawaii's primitive methods.

"Comparisons tell, said he; 'let the old be compared with the new.' Miss Felker, principal of Kaahumanu School agreed with Prof. Scott as to the historical exhibit, but suggested that if a class of children from Hawaii could be transported to St. Louis, no better object lesson of the development of education here could be made."

"Let such a class of school children sing at the Exposition and interest would center in Hawaii, for the music of Hawaii is the most beautiful I have ever heard in my life," said Miss Felker enthusiastically.

Yesterday's meeting was opened with music led by S. R. Dowdle of Maui, following which T. H. Gibson, head of the Reformatory, spoke of "How a Vacation Might be Spent." He asked if vacations were necessary, and answered in the affirmative, both for the pupils and the teachers. The profession of teaching made a strain upon the pedagogues and they needed an interval of rest. Beyond obtaining rest and recreation, teachers could profitably pass their time in intellectual research. He suggested nature study as an example. Then there were journeys about the islands which would widen their space of observation.

Rev. Alex. Mackintosh said the development of the powers of observation was important. One of the features of teaching in the Hawaiian islands was to learn the language of the pupils who studied under him, so that he could get at their point of view. This was helpful to him. Another thing which he suggested as a wise course for the male teachers, was to know the pupils in their home life, and with this knowledge they would be able to correct many abuses in the boy's life. A teacher, however, must be careful of his health, and necessary recreation was necessary to preserve it.

J. C. Davis of Kauai, who has been attending the summer school, felt that this method of spending a vacation was quite profitable.

Prof. Wood opened the discussion upon the St. Louis exhibit. He wanted something to show the progress of education here. His idea was to have photographs of school interiors, equipment, surroundings and the pupils themselves. Some idea of the teacher's work should also be presented.

Mr. Law for the committee on pensions stated that in Boston a system was now in vogue whereby teachers' pensions were something for the retiring teachers there to look forward to. He hoped that the matter could be brought before the next legislature to provide some method for pensioning retired teachers here.

Miss Snow for Oahu, Miss Deyo for Hawaii, S. R. Dowdle for Maui and J. C. Davis for Kauai, each presented a report of the work of the local circles of the Teachers' Association in their respective districts, showing that each group had met at intervals during the past year and improved their knowledge of matters foreign and local.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Miss Pierce; secretary, Mrs. Walker; vice-presidents, Oahu, Mrs. Heapy; Hawaii, Mr. Baldwin; Maui, Mr. King; Kauai, J. C. Davis.

## ROCKY ROAD FOR CUBANS

### Small Chance That Reciprocity Wins.

"Any plan for the reduction of the tariff on sugar in favor of Cuba will have a rocky road, in my opinion," said former Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, now practicing his profession at the Capitol, when seen at the Hawaiian Hotel yesterday afternoon. Senator Thurston, coming as he does from one of the States first to enter upon the beet sugar industry, has taken the greatest interest in the fight of the Cuban sugar planters. Continuing he said:

"The representatives of the beet sugar states, the western men primarily stand solidly against any reduction in the rates which would permit the product of Cuba to enter the United States in competition with beet sugar and the cane sugar of our own country. The fight was a hard one and there seems to be no sign of weakening on the part of the senators who made the struggle against the passage of the bill."

"I am of opinion that there may be an extraordinary session of the Senate for the purpose of considering a reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The administration is strongly in favor of some action and it may take this form. Still I am not convinced that the Senate would agree to such a treaty, despite the power of the President. The objectors are as strong as ever and the result may be a deadlock just as it was before. The situation is a peculiar one in Nebraska, for there when the convention was held, the senators sent a letter explaining their stand against Cuba which was received by the convention and simply placed on file, the platform containing a strong reciprocity plank."

"Does the failure of reciprocity or tariff concessions of any kind mean that Cuba will try to be admitted into the United States?" was asked.

"I do not think so. The Cubans are too much interested in their new found independence and self government to willingly sacrifice it now and there would be great opposition to any such move. What the result will be is very hard to forecast, and there seems no one who would risk an opinion as to how the Senate would vote, if a vote was reached."

Senator Thurston while taking the trip here partially for his health and for rest, is the attorney representing the Gehrs in their fight for the Kohala water franchise. He said that in his opinion the probable outcome of the agitation before the Senate would be a general law permitting companies wanting to construct ditches, to cross the public domain just as is done in the United States at this time. He will stay here long enough to present the matter to the commission when it begins its hearings but expects now to be able to get away by the middle of September. Asked as to the political outlook, he said:

"The Democrats as usual are disunited. There seems no chance that they can get together. They have no leader and the situation appears a hopeless one for them. I think the Republicans will carry the elections, although of course the longer a party is in power the harder it is to keep office. The Democrats seemed to be about to get such organization and to make such use of opportunities as to give them a fighting chance some months ago, but that has passed and the general opinion is that they will fail to make gains."

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